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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, and 9-14 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A document processing system comprising:

document retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

candidate folder selecting means for selecting a candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

notifying means for providing [a] advance notification of the candidate folder selected by said candidate folder selecting means.

4. (Twice Amended) A document processing system comprising:

judging means for judging a similarity degree

between document information and a plurality of sets of

information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating

a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance

with the similarity judged by said judging means; and

notifying means for providing <u>advance</u> notification

of the similarity order of the plurality of folders

calculated by said similarity order calculating means.

5.   (Twice Amended)   A document processing

system comprising:

retaining means for retaining a plurality of

folders each storing a plurality of sets of document

information;

selecting means for selecting a folder from among

said plurality of folders based on a number of sets of

document information containing a keyword inputted as a

search condition; and

notifying means for providing [a] <u>advance</u>

notification of the folder selected by said folder

determining means.

9. (Twice Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

selecting a candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing [a] advance notification of the candidate folder selected in said selecting step.

10. (Twice Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing advance notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step.

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judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing advance notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step.

14. (Twice Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting a folder from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing [a] advance notification of the folder selected in said selecting step.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-61 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 9-14 have been amended so as to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as